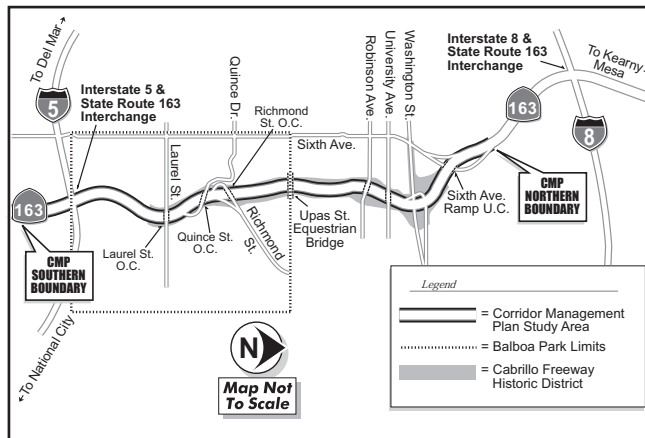




Public Notice

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Document and Public Hearing State Route 163 Corridor Management Plan Implementation



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to implement the project elements derived from the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for State Route 163 from downtown San Diego to just south of Interstate 8. The purpose of the CMP was to develop a coordinated program approach for safety improvements and roadside vegetation management of this highway.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects the project alternatives may have on the environment. Our studies show that the project could significantly affect the quality of the environment. A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which discusses potential project impacts has been prepared. This notice is to inform you of the Draft EIR and its availability for review, and a scheduled public hearing. The public hearing is to give you an opportunity to review and discuss proposed project features and the results of the environmental studies.

ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING:

There will be no formal presentation. This will be an "Open Forum" hearing where you will have the opportunity to speak directly with Caltrans representatives about the project and its environmental impacts.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft EIR which describes the project will be available on **January 26, 2004** to the public for review at the following locations:

Central Library, 820 E Street, San Diego 92101

City Heights-Weingart, Library 3795 Fairmount Avenue, San Diego 92105

University Heights, 4193 Park Boulevard, San Diego 92103

Caltrans District 11 in Old Town, 2829 Juan Street, San Diego 92110

Project maps, the Draft EIR, technical reports, and other project information are also available for review and copying at the Caltrans District Office located at 2829 Juan Street, San Diego on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE YOU COME IN

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Do you agree with the findings? Your comments will be part of the public records. If you wish, you may make comments at the public hearing, or submit written comments until **February 25, 2004** to: Jason A Reynolds, Caltrans, P.O. Box 85406, MS: 46, San Diego, CA 92186-5406. If there are no major concerns or comments on the project, Caltrans will approve the document and proceed with the final project design.

PUBLIC HEARING:

TIME: February 11, 2004 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PLACE: War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive, - Balboa Park, San Diego

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign or Foreign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 11 Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670 at least 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. TDD users may call (619) 688-3214.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact John Rieger Project Manager, at (619) 220-5391, or Jason A. Reynolds, Senior Environmental Planner, at (858) 616-6609. For general information about transportation issues, please call the Caltrans Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670.